

Appl. No. 10/151,350
Reply to Office Action of November 18, 2003

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 33 beginning at line 6, as follows:

Once the physician has completed weaving the second portion of the IFM within the first portion of the IFM, the strand may be cut in a number of ways. By way of example, and referring to FIG. 11, a ball 76 and claw 78 are depicted cutting the strand. As described herein, the claw 78 is on the distal end of an advancer that is useable to advance the IFM out of the catheter 70. Alternatively, the strand may be cut by a controlled electric discharge from the catheter 70 to a reduced diameter portion of the strand. A preferred method uses a strand of a pre-selected length, thereby eliminating any need for a cutting step. Other devices and methods for cutting a strand of an IFM are known to those skilled in the art and may be readily adapted to the present invention.